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SUBJECT: PNP WINS BY-ELECTION

1. VIVIAN BLAKE, PNP CANDIDATE IN YESTERDAY'S BY-ELECTION IN THE NORTH EAST ST. ANN CONSTITUENCY, SCORED A SOLID VICTORY, HE RECEIVED 66 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, A SMALL INCREASE OVER THE MARGINS OF PNP CANDIDATES IN THE 1972 AND 1973 ELECTIONS.

2. BLAKE REENTERED POLITICS LAST YEAR WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE SENATE AND MADE MINISTER OF STATE ASSIGNED TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND COMMERCE. WITH HIS ELECTION TO THE HOUSE IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL RECEIVE A CABINET APPOINTMENT. ACCORDING TO ONE PNP INSIDER, THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND COMMERCE PROBABLY WILL BE SPLIT, WITH BLAKE RECEIVING THE PORTFOLIO FOR TOURISM AND COMMERCE.

3. COMMENT: NORTH EAST ST. ANN IS A "SAFE" PNP SEAT AND PUBLIC INTEREST THEREFORE WAS CONCENTRATED ON WHAT THE VICTORY MARGIN WOULD BE. BLAKE'S IMPROVED PERFORMANCE OVER THOSE OF PREVIOUS PNP CANDIDATES IN THE DISTRICT

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UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE INTERPRETED AND HERALDED BY THE

GOVERNMENT AS PROOF OF ITS CONTINUED POPULARITY AND AS
A PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF ITS BAUXITE AND FOREIGN POLICY
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